ICAR-KVK North Goa organizes training programme on Crop Residue Management and Organic Waste Recycling for Improved Soil Health

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ICAR–Krishi Vigyan Kendra, North Goa, under ICAR–Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa, organized training programme on “Crop Residue Management and Organic Waste Recycling for Improved Soil Health” under the Khet Bachao Abhiyan (KBA–Rabi 2026) at Piligoa Village Panchayat, Bicholim Taluka, North Goa on Friday (06.11.2026). The programme was organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Goa, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), North Goa, and the Goa state cooperative Bank, Bicholim with the objective of creating awareness among farmers on sustainable management of crop residues and efficient recycling of farm and household organic wastes.

Dr. N. Bommayasamy, Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR–KVK North Goa, emphasized that crop residue management is essential for maintaining soil health, improving soil structure, moisture retention, nutrient cycling, microbial activity and soil organic matter. He advised farmers to avoid residue burning and adopt suitable recycling practices such as mulching, livestock bedding, composting/vermicomposting, biochar production, mushroom cultivation and incorporation into soil, wherever appropriate. He highlighted that effective recycling of crop residues converts agricultural waste into valuable farm resources, reduces dependence on external inputs, minimizes greenhouse gas emissions and supports soil fertility, carbon sequestration and climate-resilient agriculture.

Shri Dattaprasad Jog, Assistant Agriculture Officer, Bicholim, encouraged farmers to make effective use of government-supported agricultural services and schemes, including the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and Soil Health Card. He also explained the preparation and appropriate use of Jeevamrit, Dashparni Ark, Brahmastra and Agniastra as locally prepared botanical and microbial-based farm inputs, while emphasizing their judicious and need-based application as part of integrated crop and soil management.

Shri Deepak S. Malik, Branch Manager, Goa State Cooperative Bank, Bicholim, explained the benefits and application procedures associated with the Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and PM-KUSUM. He encouraged farmers to approach the bank for

information regarding eligibility, documentation, application procedures and financial benefits available under various schemes relevant to farmers and rural households.

A total of 36 farmers, including 16 men and 20 women, along with six officials from the ATMA, Directorate of Agriculture and Goa State Cooperative Bank, participated in the programme.





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